

Intro: Name

Property owner and lifelong resident FR

Professional and personal investment in SAH having been born, Received care and experienced life's major events there including graduating from the former saint Anne's Hospital School of Nursing 45 years ago. 2/3 of my life.

Biggest investment: Myself

Investment extends to my family : Currently, including myself, have 6 family members employed by SAH: 4 of us RNs, one being my twin sister and, 2 admin. Prof) Among us 195 years of service to date. This figure does not include years worked/donated by other family members , including, but not limited to, my parents, who served as volunteers at SAH. Would bring this total to about 250 yrs.

News of Cerberus: Like most hospital staff, initially didn't know what it would all ultimately mean. Much information from CCHCS, transmittals, newsletters, open forums but, most importantly, a history with, and belief in, the integrity of the Dominican Sisters confirmed for me that the Cerberus acquisition would be a positive step forward for patients/families entrusted to our care as well as for the Greater Fall River Community and our hospital.

Most important to me: Cerberus Acquisition assures:

- 1. First and foremost: The preservation of our identity and mission. It is a > 100 years mission that, for the past 48 years, I have witnessed the Dominican Sisters to live and breathe for. It is a mission that the SAH staff takes seriously and applies to any interaction with all those who come to our doors and the community we serve. It is a mission whose underlying principles require that all who interact with SAH be treated with dignity, respect, compassion and caring regardless of social background , religious affiliation, economic status, ability to pay or reason for seeking our care and service. It is a mission that embraces the poor, indigent and disenfranchised**

and extends to our staff members, some of who, from time to time, require support.

2. Continuation of charitable care, community benefits and pastoral care.
3. A secure employee pension. This is of particular importance to both our current and retired employees (many) who have served SAH and the Greater Fall River community for a significant amount of time. The “old” pension will finally will be fully funded and insured.
4. (Resident of Fall River) New tax revenue for the City of Fall River who, like many cities, find themselves in difficult socioeconomic times
5. Increased job security and the potential for new jobs within our community as we grow. We currently employ 1,253 at the Caritas SAH site alone.
6. The ability to grow and expeditiously respond to the need to implement state of the art and advanced technologies which are essential to our community. 3 new projects already in process.

Closing: For all these, and additional reasons that others will/have discuss, I feel that the time for this move is right for SAH as part of the CCHCS family and the Greater Fall River Community. As a SAH employee and Fall River resident, I am optimistic that this action will bring all parties involved the opportunity to provide continued state of the art care and caring to those whom we serve.

Thank you for your time and the privilege to present to you this evening.

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